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Bruce Archibald SHORT

Confirmation No. 7879

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/987,772

Group Art Unit: 3671

Filed: November 15, 2001

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For: CONNECTION APPARATUS

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.  
☐ Also attached:


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The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 16, 2005.

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